

CANNOCK CHASE HIGH SCHOOL



Newsletter

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Introduction

Welcome back to the new school term. We welcome the following new staff:

Mr A Cox	-	Drama
Miss L Dale	-	ICT
Mr L Dalton	-	English
Mr S Fawcett	-	PE
Miss C Hayes	-	English
Mr A Johnson	-	Business Studies
Mrs P Mann	-	English
Mr N Moore	-	Mathematics
Miss A Pinkerton	-	Geography
Miss A Poole	-	Mathematics
Mr D Stringer	-	Mathematics
Mr M Talbot	-	PE
Miss L Turner	-	Design Technology
Miss A Wellstead	-	Music
Miss S Phillips	-	Data Manager

We also welcome the new students who have joined us in Year 7 who have settled into live at Cannock Chase High School very quickly, and also those students who have returned to Year 12. We have a record number of Year 7s this year.

Successes of 2006/07

- 1 **Examination Results:** 2007 has been another exceptionally successful year for students at Cannock Chase High School at all levels. More information is on the following pages.
- 2 **Teaching and Learning:** This continues to be a priority within the school and much staff training has taken place during this year, particularly in the use of interactive white boards. We now have over 50 such boards throughout the school. Staff coaching has also been introduced during 2006-07.
- 3 **Curriculum Development:** We have continued our work within the Chase Collegiate which is a post-16 arrangement designed to improve the breadth and availability of courses for students in our Sixth Form.

In addition, we have extended our transition work with primary schools and almost all primary schools in the area now use the materials we have developed.

In addition, at the end of Year 9, a new range of activities were developed this year following Year 9 SATs in English, Maths and Science to make an early start on GCSE courses.

- 4 **School Lunches:** A new Healthier Eating regime was introduced last September and a wide range of very attractive and tasty food is now available in both our canteens.
- 5 **Pupil Support:** During October 2006, we opened G19, which is a series of rooms designed to support students with a particular range of needs. We have run nurture groups, anger management, behaviour groups and social skills and self esteem groups. Over 100 students have been supported in G19.
- 6 **Behaviour Policy:** All staff have been trained in solution focused approaches to managing student behaviour. The feedback from both staff and students on the results of this initiative has been very positive.
- 7 **Science Specialist School:** The management of the Science Specialist School has been re-organised and a team of staff now operate this on a day-to-day basis. During the course of this year we have introduced our plasma screens into both reception areas and science based activities, such as the "Big Bug Show", Science Club and various trips of a scientific nature have taken place.
- 8 **Anti-Bullying:** A number of our Year 9 students were involved in a national anti-bullying project. They have gained recognition for their efforts by winning the **Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Award** for young people.
- 9 **Sporting Activities:** Two of our students, Sarah Smallman and Richard Worthy are School Sports Ambassadors for Cannock Chase District. Sarah has been chosen to head up the Sports Ambassadors for the 2012 London Olympics.
- 10 **Refurbishment:** Our refurbishment programme has continued, this year a number of English rooms have been refurbished, a new Science post-16 area has been developed and new windows are due to be installed shortly at lower school Reception

and lower school hall. The lighting in the upper school hall has been replaced and further toilets are being refurbished. Refurbishment work has also taken place within Design and Technology.

- 11 **Trips and Visits:** Once again a number of trips and visits organised from school during the course of 2006-07 has been enormous. Highlights were: Year 8 Camp; trips to Rome, Russia and Paris.

Examination Results 2007

2007 saw the second best results in the history of the school at GCSE.

GCSE Results

56.4% of Year 11 students 5 or more GCSEs at grades A*-C. The table shows the improving picture over the last six years. These excellent GCSE results have resulted in the highest ever level of recruitment into Year 12 with over 150 students returning to continue with their studies.

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Percentage achieving 5+ A*-C grades	43.1	44.2	47.4	58.3	51.2	56.4
Percentage achieving 5+ A*-G grades	84.0	88.5	95.1	95.0	93.9	95.0
Percentage achieving 1+ A*-G grades	90.1	94.6	97.7	99.4	99.4	100
Percentage achieving 1+ A*-C grades	70.3	73.2	78.4	80.7	75.6	81.9
Average points score per pupil	33.1	36.3	37.3	43.4	43.1	46.6

There were some excellent performances by some individual students including:

	Full Course	Short Course
Tom Gooderidge	8A*, 1A	3A
Tunc Deler	6A*, 1A, 4B	2A*, 1B
Kay Swann	6A*, 2A, 2B	1A*, 1A, 1C
Rosie Millar	5A*, 3A, 2B	3A
Sophie Baldock	6A*, 3A, 1C	2A, 1B
Jessica Beere	4A*, 3A, 3B	1A*, 2A
Tim Haywood	4A*, 2A, 4B	1A, 2B
Richard Worthy	5A*, 2A, 2B	3A
Megan Pincher	3A*, 5A, 1B	1A*, 2A
Gemma Poole	3A*, 5A, 1B	2A*, 1B
Jon Tuck	2A*, 6A, 1B, 1D	2A, 1B
Dan Aston	5A*, 1A, 3B	2A, 1B
Carl Willimot	3A*, 4A, 2B	1A*, 2A
Ian Voysey	1A*, 7A, 1B, 1C	1A, 1B, 1C
Adam Hyden	3A*, 4A, 2B	1A*, 1A, 1B
Paige Round	3A*, 4A, 2B	2A, 1B
Emma Smith	2A*, 5A, 2B	3A
Lauren Hyden	8A, 1B	1A*, 2A
Danielle Turner	3A*, 4A, 1B, 1C	2A, 1C
Emma Griffin	2A*, 4A, 3B	2A, 1B
Emma Goodwin	4A, 5B	1A*, 3B
Emma Jenkins	2A*, 1A, 6B	2A, 1B, 1D

There were some excellent departmental performances, including Mathematics with 58.5% of students gaining A*-C grades, Science with 56.0% gaining A*-C grades. In addition, strong performances included Design and Technology, History, PE, Art, Drama, Child Development and Textiles. Citizenship maintained its excellent position of last year with 72% of students gaining A*-C grades.

The proportion of A* grades rose from 2.3% in 2006 to 3.2% 2007 with a corresponding increase in grades A and A* from 11.1% in 2006 to 12.5% in 2007. There was also an

improvement of over 5% in the percentage of grades which were at A*-C to 55.6% in 2007. There were fewer fail grades than ever before.

We are delighted with these results. Our congratulations go to students and staff.

Each year I am disappointed when the achievements of young people across the country are denigrated by politicians and the media who maintain that standards are falling. This is patently untrue and students and staff are more focused than they have ever been on achieving the highest possible results.

'A' Level Results

The overall pass rate in 2007 was 94.6% of entries gaining a pass grade.

Individual performances include:

Steven Higgs	AAAAD
Vicki Burgess	AAAD
Gary Westwood	AABB
Hannah Silvester	AABC
Mark Clayton	AABCCD
Emily Lloyd	ABBB
Danielle Parry	ABBB
Thomas Truby	ABBB
Beat Billson	ABBC
Michael Durnell	ABBC
Benjamin Farbrother	ABBC
Adrienne Grice	ABCC
Amy Stevenson	ABCC
Marc Swann	ABCDE
Charlotte Pearce	ABDD

All Year 13 students wishing to do so have gained places at a university of their choice. We wish them every success for the future.

AS Level Results

The AS Level pass rate rose from 80% in 2006 to 82% in 2007. Over 42% of these grades were at grade A, B and C

Exceptional individual performances include:

Georgina Hall	AAAAD
Laura Thomas	AAABB
Chris Hicks	AAABC
Sarah Jones	AAAB
David Testill	AAAB
Michael Smallman	AABBB
Katherine Taylor	AABBC
Caroline Foster	AABCD
Darryl How	AAC
Bo-yee Fan	ABBBD

Georgia Pigott	ABBC
Sarah Gilbert	ABCCC
Melissa Morris	ABCCD
Jodie Griffin	ABCCU
Sarah Smallman	ABCEE
Katie Lomas	ACCCC
Lauren Sayers	ACCDE
William Fleet	ADDDE

The retention rate from Year 12 to Year 13 has been excellent.

Key Stage 3 Tests

English is celebrating the best ever results gained at Cannock Chase High School with 76% of students gaining level 5 and above. 38% gained level 6 or level 7.

In Mathematics 74.6% of students gained level 5 and above with 53% at levels 6, 7 or 8.
In Science 68.6% of students gained level 5 and above, with 30% of those at level 6 or 7.

Finally – Congratulations to all students and staff involved in these achievements. You have done brilliantly and are to be congratulated.

PTA Annual General Meeting

The PTA Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 2 October 2007 at 7.30pm in the Sixth Form Centre at Upper Site.

The PTA is a dedicated group of people who raise significant amounts of money for the benefit of the pupils in the school.

The PTA always has an enjoyable time and organises a number of social activities. Please do come along and get involved. I look forward to seeing you on 2 October.

The Year Ahead

During the course of this year we will have a major focus on raising the achievements of boys. A consultant will be visiting the school in November to work with students, staff and parents on this initiative.

In addition, we shall also be pushing forward on successful initiatives aimed at gifted and talented students. Original initiatives have already paid off with the higher number of A and A* grades gained at GCSE.

We will be piloting the use of an electronic markbook for our staff which will dovetail well with the new reporting procedures for parents. Staff training will continue with an emphasis on interactive white boards via our newly appointed ICT Trainer, Mr R Bailey.

During the course of this year we will be developing and piloting a new Citizenship course for Year 7 students aimed at supporting them in developing as independent learners. This will roll out in September 2008.

We will also be implementing our revised Prefects and CHAMPS system. A major new initiative is the re-development of our website which will hopefully be completed at around half term in October or November. We aim to keep our website updated and post information and newsletters for parents on a regular basis. In addition, we will seek to develop our website to accommodate curriculum materials so that students may access homeworks and study materials from home.

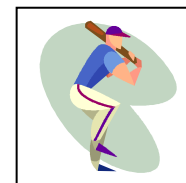
In addition, we shall continue to use the school budget and Science Specialist School funding to refurbish classrooms and provide enhanced ICT facilities and community opportunities for our students and parents.

Useful Dates for 2007-08

Prospective Parents' Evening	Thursday 27 September 2007
PTA AGM	Tuesday 2 October 2007
Family Learning Week	8-12 October 2007
Year 7 Parents' Evening (Tutors)	Thursday 11 October 2007
Autumn Half Term	Break up at the end of school on Friday 19 October School recommences on Tuesday 30 October 2007
Year 10 Parents in Partnership	Tuesday 6 November 2007
Year 11 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 14 November 2007
6 th Form Information Evening	Thursday 22 November 2007
Year 10 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 28 November 2007
Year 9 Careers Day	Friday 30 November 2007
School Christmas Concert	Monday 3 December 2007
Year 12 & 13 Parents' Evening	Tuesday 4 December 2007
Christmas Show (Prince of Wales Theatre)	Wednesday 5 December 2007
Year 11 Mock Exams	Monday 10 – Thursday 20 December 2007 (inclusive)
Christmas Holidays	Break up at the end of school on Friday 21 December 2007 School recommences on Monday 7 January 2008
Exams	Monday 7 – Thursday 31 January 2008
Year 9 Parents' Evening (BH, RR, DM, DR, JT, JG)	Thursday 17 January 2008
Year 9 Parents' Evening (AH, LA, LR, NA, PB, SF)	Wednesday 23 January 2008
Year 11 Stepping Up Evening	Thursday 31 January 2008
Year 9 Mock SATs	Monday 4 – Friday 8 February 2008
Spring Half Term	Break up at the end of school on Friday 8 February School recommences on Monday 18 February 2008
Key Stage 4 Options Evening	Wednesday 20 February 2008
Year 11 Study Day	Friday 22 February 2008
Year 12&13 Fees & Loans Evening	Monday 3 March 2008
West End Showcase	Wednesday 12 March 2008
Year 10 Enterprise Day	Thursday 20 March 2008
Easter Holidays	Break up at the end of school on Thursday 20 March School recommences on Monday 7 April 2008 (Staff training days are on 3 and 4 April)
Year 8 Parents' Evening	Thursday 10 April 2008
Year 7 Parents' Evening (AJ, AW, CH, HS, LD, RM)	Wednesday 16 April 2008
Year 7 Parents' Evening (AP, DN, JB, PO, SM)	Thursday 24 April 2008
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 5 May 2008
KS3 SATs	Tuesday 6 – Friday 9 May 2008
Summer Exams	Monday 12 May – Friday 27 June 2008
Summer Half Term	Break up at the end of school on Friday 23 May School recommences on Monday 2 June 2008
Sports Days	Week Commencing Monday 23 June 2008
Awards Evening	Tuesday 24 June 2008
New Intake Evening	Monday 30 June 2008
Year 10 Work Experience	Monday 30 June – Friday 11 July 2008
New Intake Day	Wednesday 2 July 2008
PE Awards Evening	Thursday 3 July 2008
Summer Holidays	Break up at the end of school on Friday 18 July School recommences on Tuesday 2 September 2008

PE CLUBS AND PRACTICES

STARTING MONDAY 10TH SEPT- OCT ½ TERM



Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dinner Time	YR 7/ 8 HOCKEY JSI - S'SHALL DANCE DM – US GYM FITNESS LR–FITNESS ROOM	YR 7/8 NETBALL CN – S'HALL TRAMPOLINING DM – LS GYM	BASKETBALL GIRLS- S'HALL JSI RUNNING CLUB SPF	BASKETBALL BOYS- S'HALL MT	NO CLUBS
After School	BADMINTON SPF - S'HALL	YR 9, 10, 11 AND U18 NETBALL JRS, DM, CN S'HALL	YR 7-11 FOOTBALL LR, MT, SPF, IT FOOTBALL PITCHES	YR 11AND U18 HOCKEY SPORTSHALL JRS	STAFF HOCKEY

Staff

LR= Mr Rickards MT= Mr Talbot SPF= Mr Fawcett IT = Mr Turnbull JRS = Miss Simpson CN = Mrs Nicholls DM= Miss Meek JSI= Mrs Swinnerton-ions